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NOTE FOR: The Acting Director

FROM: Dave Gries

SUBJECT: Viewsletter to Intelligence Authorization Bill
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1. Attached for your review and signature is a letter to the House and Senate intelligence committees on the Fiscal Year 1988 Intelligence Authorization Bill. The letter sets forth the Agency's views on the various legislative proposals contained in the House and Senate bills. Such a letter is traditionally sent each year by the DCI to signal the Agency's views on the bill. It complements the work done by the Comptroller and the Intelligence Community staff on the budgetary side of the bill. As you know, staff from both committees are working on the bill now, and we expect the conference will be concluded within a very short time.

2. The letter addresses various miscellaneous issues and provisions, setting forth traditional Agency positions. The discussion of the intelligence personnel commission proposal by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) reflects what we are doing in negotiations with staff.

3. We have informally indicated to the committees our support of the miscellaneous provisions of concern to other agencies in the Community and are doing so in this letter as well. Unfortunately, for various budgetary reasons, OMB would not clear an expression of support for all of them, including a provision in the House bill to raise the ceiling on allowances paid to agents of the FBI assigned to the New York City Field Office. OMB had wanted us to go further by explicitly opposing the provision. We refused and in negotiations struck a compromise, which is reflected in the letter. As currently drafted, the entire letter has OMB's blessing.

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